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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC RELATIONS: NATO DECLARATION

REF: USNATO 1059

SUMMARY: THE THOUGHT GROUP MET LATE AFTERNOON, FEB. 27, AND DECIDED TO HOLD OFF ON FURTHER ACTION UNTIL THE FRENCH DELEGATION RECEIVES FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM PARIS ON THE LATEST DRAFT OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION. THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF A DUTCH OBJECTION TO PARA 5 AND AN ERROR IN PARA 10. END SUMMARY.

1. THE THOUGHT GROUP AGREED TO WAIT TO SEE IF FRENCH INSTRUCTIONS, WHICH MIGHT BE RECEIVED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, WOULD HELP TO NARROW FURTHER THE DIFFERENCES IN THE DECLARATION (USNATO 1059), BEFORE DISTRIBUTING THE TEXT TO OTHER DELEGATIONS OR RETURNING THE MATTER TO THE FULL NAC.

2. THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF PARA 5, ESPECIALLY DUTCH OPPOSITION TO THE WORDS QTE TWO OF WHOM POSSESS NUCLEAR FORCES CAPABLE OF PLAYING A DETERRENT ROLE OF THEIR OWN. END QTE SEVERAL VARIANTS WERE PROPOSED: QTE TWO OF WHOM POSSESS DETERRENT NUCLEAR FORCES OF THEIR OWN, END QTE QTE TWO OF WHOM POSSESS NUCLEAR FORCES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO DETERRENCE, END QTE AND QTE TWO OF WHOM POSSESS NUCLEAR FORCES WHICH HAVE A DETERRENT VALU. END QTE THE INTENTION IN THESE SUGGESTIONS IS TO ELIMINATE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE FRENCH NUCLEAR FORCE MIGHT BE USED TO PLAY A DETERRENT ROLE INDEPENDENT OF THE
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ALLIANCE. DE ROSE SAID THAT HE KNEW THAT SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE IN PARIS BUT HE WOULD SEEK GUIDANCE ON THE QUESTION.

3. A DISCREPANCY WAS DISCOVERED IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF BOTH
TEXTS OF PARA 10 (USNATO 1059), WHICH DE ROSE AND RUMSFELD AGREED
SHOULD BE REVISED TO CONFORM TO THE WORDING IN THE NORTH
ATLANTIC TREATY, AS FOLLOWS: QTE FURTHERMORE, WHILE ABIDING
BY THEIR INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS AND ANY COMMITMENTS THEY HAVE
JOINTLY UNDERTAKEN, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK TO ELIMINATE
CONFLICT IN THEIR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES AND WILL
ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN ANY OR ALL OF THEM.
END QTE
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